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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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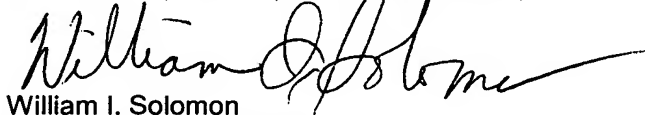
Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC § 119 and 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants respectfully claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 192684/99, filed in Japan on July 7, 1999.

The required copy of the certified copy of the priority document has been received in prior Application No. 10/019,957 from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)), as indicated in the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, in prior application No. 10/019,957, filed January 7, 2002.

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